

## CASH RECEIPTS OF PETERSBURG

Current Wealth Due in Part to Proceeds of School Bonds.

### MOVE FOR BETTER STREETS

Shown in Recommendation of \$45,000 for Improvement of Thoroughfares.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Byram Road, Petersburg, Va., September 7. The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council was held this afternoon. The report of the City Treasurer showed that the cash receipts of the city during the month of August amounted to \$142,414.77. The Auditor's report showed the expenditures for the month to have been \$31,067.36. In the receipts reported by the Treasurer were included the proceeds of the school bonds recently authorized by the Council.

Appropriations were made to pay the bills of the various departments connected in August, as well as for various other purposes. An ordinance to increase the width of the sidewalks and decrease the width of the roadway of Washington Street was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

### Big Sum for Street Improvements.

President Patterson, from the Finance Committee, made reports recommending appropriations aggregating \$45,000 for additional street improvements, namely, \$20,000 for paving the roadway of Market Street from Bank to Washington Street with vitrified brick; \$5,000 for granite sidewalks on the same street; \$10,000 for the roadway of Washington Street, between Sycamore and Adams Streets; \$2,500 for sidewalks on Byrnes Street from Liberty to New Street, and others. The recommendations were adopted and the appropriations made.

An ordinance providing for the renumbering of houses in the city was presented from the Street Committee, and was laid on the table. It was stated that 7,500 new numbers would be required and \$1,000 would be necessary to carry out the provisions of the ordinance.

A great deal of other business was transacted, keeping the Council in session for some hours.

### Death of Mr. Crowder.

Wm. N. Crowder, formerly of Petersburg, died last night at his home on the River Road, in Dinwiddie county. He was seventy-two years old and a pattern-maker and woodworker by trade. He is survived by his wife and two sons and one daughter—Ernest M. and Lionel and Miss Ethel May Crowder.

### Election of Delegates.

The Petersburg Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at a meeting held last evening in A. P. Hill Camp hall, elected delegates to the State convention of the organization, which is to meet in Lexington on October 6, and to the general convention, which is to meet in Houston, Texas, on October 12. The following are the delegates elected: Mrs. W. L. McGil, president of the chapter; Mrs. Robert T. Meade, Mrs. Dr. W. Fryor Jones, Mrs. James H. McClellan, Miss Ida Lowman, Miss Irvy Bolling and Miss Annie Mann. No other business of importance was transacted.

### Dinwiddie County Bonds Sold.

The full amount of \$30,000 of bonds of Dinwiddie county, and apportioned to the Dinwiddie district for the permanent improvement of the public roads in that district, has been purchased by a Chicago firm. These bonds were deposited in bank here to-day for shipment to the purchaser.

### People of the county by a signal majority voted to issue \$102,000 in bonds to be apportioned respectively among the several districts in proportion to the mileage of main roads in their respective boundaries. These bonds, strictly speaking, are district bonds, each district to be taxed to meet the interest on and to provide a sinking fund for the retirement of its apportionment of bonds. Only Dinwiddie district has so far made demands for its portion of the bonds, and the supervisors will not sell the other bonds until the work of road improvement is begun in other districts. The Chicago firm offers to take the bonds of other districts, but the supervisors decline to sell at this time.

### Early Morning Fires.

The fire department was called out at 7 o'clock this morning to fight a fire at the home of James Ray, on Central street, near Cedar street. The fire started from a stove and was extinguished by the chemical apparatus with a resulting damage of about \$100.

### Between 8 and 9 o'clock the department was again called to a fire in Dunlop street. Chemicals were again used with success and the damage amounted to only a few dollars.

### Raid on Disorderly Houses.

The police this morning about 5 o'clock made a raid on the negro houses on Culbertson's Alley, and brought in some twenty-five negro men and women. The parties were all subsequently arraigned in the Police Court, protesting innocence and giving all kinds of excuses, but all were fined \$50 each, and most of them went to jail.

### Burglars Overlook Money.

Burglars broke into the store and residence of J. A. Pulley, Clerk of the Markets, corner of Halifax and Jones Streets, Sunday morning. They pretty

## IF IT DISAPPEARS, IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not. Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of eczema. Even physicians are often puzzled in their diagnosis. The best way for any one afflicted is to go to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, who has a supply of his "Eczema Cure" and obtain 50 cents' worth of ointment. Apply this, and if the itching stops at once, and the trouble is cured in 2 to 4 days, it may be set down as having been eczema, as this is the way eczema acts in the worst cases of eczema, and in curing acne, herpes, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum, rash, barbers' and other forms of itchy scaly scalp, and all surface skin affections.

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thoroughly ransacked the dwelling, opening wardrobes, drawers, etc., evidently in search of money. In one wardrobe, which they broke into, was \$160 in gold, owned by Mrs. Pulley, which was kept there for safety. The robbers fortunately missed getting this money, and took nothing of value. They carried off a box of cigars from the store. The burglars broke into H. E. Haley's barber shop, adjoining Mr. Pulley's store, and stole eight razors. There is no clue as yet to the thieves.

### Personal News.

Senator Charles T. Lassiter and family are now occupying a handsome bungalow, recently erected on his farm in Dinwiddie county, near this city. This bungalow is a neat and comfortable residence.

R. L. Jenkins, an old and esteemed citizen, employed as bookkeeper for the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, was taken ill at his office yesterday, and had to be taken to his home, where he remains.

Mrs. Mabel Estelle Blankenship and Benjamin D. Scott, both of this city, were quietly married to-night.

### Sixth Annual Convention of Virginia Rural Free Delivery Men Begins Two-Day Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HARRISONBURG, VA., September 7.—The sixth annual convention of the rural letter-carriers of Virginia assembled here to-day, and will adjourn sometime to-morrow. More than seventy-five delegates from a distance are participating.

The address of welcome was made by Mayor O. B. Roller in behalf of the town, while Commonwealth's Attorney George N. Conrad welcomed the visitors in behalf of the county association.

The response in behalf of the association was made by the president, J. Crutchfield.

An event of the day was the address by Post-Office Inspector A. B. Smith of Washington, D. C.

Congressman H. D. Flood, of the Tenth District, will arrive in the morning to address the carriers.

The day was devoted to speeches, making the appointment of committees and general discussion for the best means of advancing the service, as well as securing better pay for the carriers.

### Attack Whole List of Qualified Voters After Losing Fight Against an Individual.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., September 7.—With practically the last hope of the "drys" gone, when Judge Kelly, of the Corporation Court of Bristol, to-day decided that M. A. Stull, for twelve years a resident of Bristol, Tenn., was a legal voter on the Virginia side, counsel for the petitioners again asked to amend their petition by attacking the treasurer's list of qualified voters, which the proposed amendment alleges is an illegal list.

### The court held to-day, in the case of Stull, who had been alleged to be a non-resident voter, that he acquired the right to vote in Bristol more than twelve years ago, and that, as he had never voted or attempted to vote elsewhere, and had complied with all other provisions of the law, he was a bona fide legal voter by honest intentions.

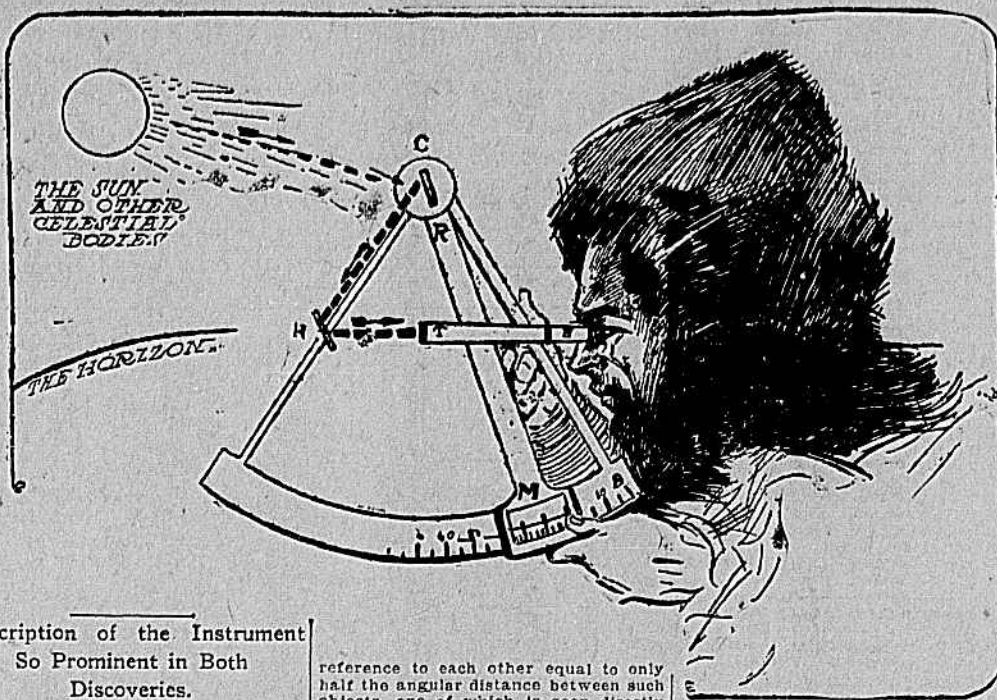
### Move of Stanton "Wets."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STANTON, VA., September 7.—The "Wets" had given notice that depositions would be taken to-day in the election contest, but when the day arrived, stated to opposing counsel that they might take evidence in open court, and would announce their plans later. The case comes up September 15 in the Corporation Court.

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## HOW ARCTIC EXPLORERS MAKE USE OF THE SEXTANT



### Description of the Instrument So Prominent in Both Discoveries.

The sextant, whose services in polar trips has been reported by the explorers, is an instrument small enough to be conveniently held in the hand, and is equally well adapted for measuring the altitude of celestial objects, in order to obtain the latitude and local time, or for measuring the angle between the moon and sun, or the moon and a fixed star, to ascertain the longitude.

It is called sextant because the measure is recorded on an arc of 60 degrees, one-sixth of a circle. It consists of a frame, usually of metal, stiffened by cross braces. The arc at the bottom of the frame is marked off with degrees, the number of degrees actually measured. This is done because the fixed and movable glasses attached to the instrument give a double reflection of the objects observed, and thus form an angle with

reference to each other equal to only half the angular distance between such objects, one of which is seen directly and the other by reflection. The arc of 120 degrees thus records the actual angle.

Midway on the frame on one side is a telescope, and opposite, on the other leg of the frame, is a glass, transparent in the upper half and silvered in the lower half. Both the telescope (E-T in the accompanying figure) and the glass (H) in the figure, are firmly attached to the frame.

At the top of the frame is a mirror (C in the figure), which is movable by means of an arm (R-M in the figure) to which it is fastened. C is called the index glass, and the arm (R-M) revolves around it. At M is a shifting scale for making fractional measurements and called a vernier.

The observer takes the instrument in his hand and holds the telescope horizontally. Looking through the telescope he may see the horizon through the transparent surface of the

horizon glass H. Then, if wishing to bring the sun into line he manipulates the mirror C as a child handles a bit of looking-glass for the purpose of catching the sun's glare and throwing it into the eye of a companion. He turns the arm R-M until the mirror C catches its reflection and throws it back to the silvered surface of the glass H. When the sun is thus made to coincide with the horizon the section of the graduated arc over which the arm R-M has passed indicates the measure of the angle in degrees, which is exactly determined by the movable fractional scale or vernier.

Arabian astronomers are credited with having used a sextant as far back as the year 985, with a radius of 59 feet 9 inches. The modern instrument was invented independently about 1730 by Thomas Godfrey, of Philadelphia, and Captain Hadley, of the British navy.

## VEIL OF MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS MURDER OF WEALTHY LUMBERMAN

River for the Victim and Rain Barrel for Supposed Slayer.

### CONFESSION OF JOHN CASH

Slagle Said to Have Found Spencer's Hidden Treasure. Story False.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., September 7.—A veil of mystery still shrouds the gruesome murder of Andrew J. Slagle, the wealthy Jonesboro lumberman, whose body was found in the French Broad River at Newport, Tenn., several days ago, with the hands tightly bound and the feet manacled. The head of the lumberman had been beaten into a pulp. The body was weighted with rocks as sinkers. They became detached, and the body came to the surface.

Following the finding of the body John Hayden Spencer, a confidential friend and business associate of Slagle, hurried to the latter's home at Jonesboro, to comfort the grief-stricken family.

S. A. Slagle, of Bristol, a brother of the murdered man, was reported to have told that he believed Spencer to have guilty knowledge of the crime, if he was not the actual murderer. Developments followed thick and fast, and Spencer left his room at 3 o'clock in the morning while sleeping at the Slagle home, and going into the yard, was drowned in a rain barrel, supposedly through his own act. It is believed that the true secret of the cruel murder was buried with Spencer.

### Confession of John Cash.

John Cash, a youth of twenty, who was arrested in connection with the crime, confessed guilty knowledge of the murder, saying that he was a witness to Spencer's killing Slagle and helped the latter to dispose of the body by throwing it in the river.

It is now accepted that the lumberman was lured into the death trap by a tale of the finding of a pot of gold, worth many thousands of dollars. Though an adroit business man, Slagle whereof the story, as it was told, in a most cunning manner. He told in a most cunning manner. He told in a most cunning manner. He told in a most cunning manner.

### After four months of waiting, Slagle became suspicious and pressed Spencer to produce the treasure. Spencer told him, the story goes, to come to the woods near his (Spencer's) home at Bridgeport on the night of August 24, adding that they would on that night get out the gold. Slagle went and was seen entering the woods mentioned.

### Evidence of the Murder.

After his purported confession, Cash took the officers to the spot where the murder occurred and showed them the stains on the ground and the rocks with which the lumberman's skull was crushed. He followed a trail of blood, across fences and through the woods, for a mile, to the bluff from which the body was thrown into the river. It appeared that this part of the confession was a gruesome truth.

After the murder, Spencer hurried to the home of Slagle, at Jonesboro, telling the latter's wife that he had waited in the woods all night for him with a wagon to get out the gold, but that he did not appear. Spencer had advised Slagle at the time the appointment was made to bring enough money to defray the expenses of going to New York and marketing the treasure. Only \$175 was found on the body when it was discovered in the river.

### Accounts of Candidates.

Rivals File Them in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 7.—C. Richelieu Coleman, of Spotsylvania, and C. O'Connor Gooldrick, of this city, rival candidates for the Demo-



ANDREW J. SLAGLE, Murdered Man, Whose Body Was Found in French Broad River.

JOHN HAYDEN SPENCER, Supposed Slew, Whose Body Was Found in a Rain Barrel.

cratic nomination for the House of Delegates for the district composed of the city of Fredericksburg and the county of Spotsylvania, have filed in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court here a statement of their expenses in the recent campaign before the Democratic primary, which shows that Mr. Coleman, the successful candidate, spent \$159.57, and Mr. Gooldrick, the defeated candidate, \$162.53.

The Republican convention which recently met at Spotsylvania Court-house to consider the question of nominating a candidate for the House of Delegates, and adjourned without making a nomination, subject to the call of the chairman, will reconvene in this city on Saturday, September 11.

### Problem for Police and Courts Because of Migratory Tendencies of Dwellings.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., September 7.—Moving houses in Alexandria here of late is causing no little trouble. Another case was called in the Police Court because a frame two-story house had been moved a distance of about one square, from a lot on Duke Street to a vacant lot on the west side of Columbus Street. The court was not aware of the fact that the house had already been placed in position, and, upon being told that it had, ruled that the matter was not one for the Police Court, but one for the civil courts, Thomas Chauncey, who formerly owned the house, showed the court a petition, signed by the majority of the members of the Council, giving their approval to the moving. A negro, who did the work of moving, also exhibited a permit. There was, it is understood, objections on the part of adjoining property-owners to the placing of the house on the lot in question.

### In the Corporation Court, in the suit of Charles Lyman against the International Building and Loan Association, a decree was given appointing R. S. Barrett, trustee in place of Jackson S. Ralston, resigned.

Alexandria Council, No. 33, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will celebrate its nineteenth anniversary the evening of September 20.

The work of issuing permits to children to attend the public schools has begun. The schools will reopen Monday.

It is expected that at the next meeting of the City Council a health officer will be elected, following the adoption and rejection of the proposed new set of health laws for the city, which carry with them a salary of \$600 for the position. Besides the incumbent, Dr. E. A. Gorman, the names

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ing of past-due notes and notes nearing maturity, amount to \$44,504.76; cash, \$578.17.

As it appears from the accountants' statement that there is a cash deficit of \$47,695.55, this deficit may be increased by further investigation, but the receivers do not think the figures given will be materially changed.

As it appears to date, the assets of the bank are \$68,083.77, and the liabilities \$116,778.32.

"The receivers are advised," it is added, "that there is a liability upon the directors of this bank for a large part, if not all, the deficit reported, by reason of their failure to discharge their duties as such directors."

The report sets forth the fact that the accounts of the bank were kept in a loose manner, and that no minutes of the board of directors and stockholders of the bank since the year 1890, have come into their hands, with the exception of a memorandum on loose sheets of paper of a directors' meeting held on June 21, 1909, and others of stockholders' meetings for the years 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903.

Cashier Thornton has employed Congressman Flood and William C. Carington as counsel to defend him in the suits instituted against him as cashier.

### LOSES HAND AT WRIST.

Rockingham Had Accidentally Received

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HARRISONBURG, VA., September 7.—Ray Boyers, nineteen years of age, son of David Boyers, of Keokuk, Iowa, accidentally fired a load of squirrel shot into his right hand, and it has to be amputated at the wrist.

### Spotsylvania Democrats.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., September 7.—The Democratic party organization was reorganized by the election of Dr. J. W. Massey, chairman, and L. Young, secretary.

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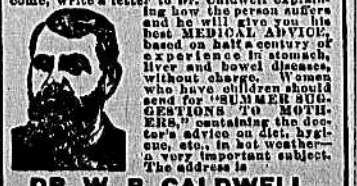
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The delegate to the Grand Camp in R. C. Hart, with R. H. McGhee alternate.

## FREE For "Summer Complaint"

The common ailment of these hot days is "Summer Complaint," or diarrhea. It is very annoying and weakening and upsets the stomach. The cause of the trouble usually lies in food and water, which in the summer time are often laden with germs, but with many it is due to eating too much fruit or to eating over-ripe fruit. Whatever the cause it is not good to take an astringent remedy that binds the bowels and stops the flow too suddenly, but take a reliable, natural laxative like DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPIN.

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